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DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed on July 15, 2004 is non-responsive. Applicant elected group A, claims 1-12, 52-67, without specifying which sequence or combination of sequences in tables 1-16 is elected. It is noted that the Examiner specifically recites that a method detecting each of the 8014 polynucleotide sequences in tables 1-16 or a combination thereof, constitutes a single, distinct invention (p.2, last three lines of paragraph under group A). Applicant is required to elect a single invention.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MINH-TAM DAVIS whose telephone number is 571-272-0830. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JEFFREY SIEW can be reached on 571-272-0787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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MINH TAM DAVIS
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Ungar', written over the printed name and title.